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ERDA FOR LIVERMAN, EDINGTON, WHITNAH

E.O. 11652: N/A
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TO:
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (NARECO) PLS PASS TO JABLON
AND KROPP
2102 CONSTITUTION AVE NW
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SUMMARY.

1. DR. SABURI VISITED EMBASSY APRIL 6: FOLLOWING RERF-CONNECTED
ACTIVITIES WERE DISCUSSED: A) VISIT JAPANESE RADIO AND TV
REPORTERS TO WASHINGTON, B) RERF ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATUS AND
ANTICIPATED FUNCTIONS, C) MIN ED RECOGNITION OF RERF, D) JFY 75
CARRYOVER FUNDS. E) NEW PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING COMMUNICATIONS.
END SUMMARY.
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A. VISIT RADIO AND TV REPORTERS

1. AS INDICATED REF A) CHUGOKU AND HIROSHIMA RADIO-TV STATIONS,
PART OF TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM NETWORK AND OWNED BY
THE CHUGOKU SHIMBUN (NEWSPAPER) WISH TO FILM INTERVIEW
WITH DR. LIVERMAN IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 20 OR 21 OR

22 IF POSSIBLE. IN CONTRAST TO STATEMENT IN REF A)
SABURI UNDERSTOOD THE REPORTERS HAD BEEN WITH THE
JAPANESE MEDICAL TEAM IN CALIFORNIA. AT ANY RATE THEY
WISH TO COVER FOLLOWING POINTS IF AGREEABLE TO LIVERMAN,
BUT WILL MODIFY LIST OR QUESTIONS TO SUIT LIVERMAN DESIRES.

A) IT IS UNDERSTANDING OF TBS THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND CREDIT FOR CLEARING WAY FOR AND ARRANGING FOR VISIT JAPANESE DOCTORS TO US DUE TO LIVERMAN EFFORTS, SO OPENING STATEMENT WULD BE EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE. REPORTERS ALSO SAID TO BELIEVE VISIT MADE POSSIBLE BY CARTER-- (SCHLESINGER) ADMINISTRATION. PERMISSION FOR VISIT APPARENTLY CAME AS HUGE SURPRISE TO TBS AND OTHERS WHO WONDER IF IT IS EXPRESSION OF NEW ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO ACCENT PEACEFUL USES ATOMIC ENERGY. ASSOCIATED WITH LIVERMAN INVOLVEMENT MAY BE QUESTIONS ON WHETHER HIS INTERESTS IN US A-BOMB SURVIORS HAS BEEN LONG STANDING OR RECENT AND WHETHER ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT AT ORNL.

B) TBS SEES CONTINUING STORY AND INTERESTED IN WHETHER PRESENT CONSULTATIONS LIKELY TO HAVE MDICAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR OTHER SIGNIFICANCE EITHER FOR RERF OR INsofar AS THE USG IS CONCERNED. IN THIS SAME CONTEXT,TBS INTERESTED IN WHETHER REPEAT PERFORMANCES LIKELY AND IF SO WITH WHAT FREQUENCY, ANNUALLY, THREE YEARS, FIVE YEARS?

C) TBS EXPECTD TO ASK ABOUT ADDITIONAL US ACTIONS RELATED TO FOLLOW UP TREATMENT OR PERIODIC CONFERENCES WITH SURVIVORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN LOWER INCOME
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GROUPS WHO CANNOT AFFORD SPECIAL TREATMENT. QUESTION OF WHETHER US WIL FUND TRAVEL TO JAPAN BY SURVIVORS MAY BE BROUGHT UP: SABURI REFERENCED EARLIER STATMENT BY JABLON (PERHAPS IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT) THAT NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM OR SPECIAL FUNDS FOR DISASTER VICTIMS MIGHT BE APPLIED IN CASES OF LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING TREATMENT.

D) DR. SABURI INDICATED THAT CONTACT WOULD BE OR HAS BEEN MADE BY MR. SUWAMURA, MHW REP IN THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHO WAS IN MHW PLANNING DIVISION WHEN RERF CONCEIVED. PRESUMABLY SABURI UNAWARE OF USIS INVOLVEMENT.

E) AS INDICATED PARA 3 REFTEL REPORTERS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROFESSOR, R. SODEI OF HOSEI UNIVERSITY WHO IS A SPECIALIST IN AMERICAN STUDIES.

B. RERF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1. DR. SABURI IS PLANNING FIRST MEETING ADV. COMM. IN EARLY MAY AFTER DR. YAMASHITA BACK ON JOB OR ALTERNATIVELY IN JUNE WHEN DR. LIVERMAN HERE FOR BOARD MEETINGS.

2. CONSTITUENCY OF COMMITTEE CURRENTLY ONE REP FROM ANRE (MITI), AEB (STA), NSB (STA), MOFA, MIN ED, EPA, MIN LABOR, MHW, PLUS FOLLOWING NON-GOVT REPRESENTATION: PRESIDENT JAPAN SCIENCE COUNCIL, PRES. JSPS, PRES. JAPAN MEDICAL ASSM., PRES. JAPAN SOCIETY MEDICAL SCIENCE, PRES. HIROSHIMA UNIV., PRES. NAGASAKI UNIV., DIRECTOR RADIATION SCIENCES INSTITUTE, DIRECTOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE GENETICS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ALL ON THE RERF FOUNDING COMMITTEE.

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3. DR. SABURI CURRENTLY ENVISAGES FUNCTION OF ADV COMM AS STRONG GOVERNMENTAL-ACADEMIC GROUP WHICH HAS STAKE IN SUCCESS OF FOUNDATION AND DESIRE AS WELL CAPABILITY TO IRON OUT OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ADMINISTERING GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS SO THAT FOUNDATION CAN OPERATE SMOOTHLY. ADV COMM FAMILIAR WITH ACT OF ENDOWMENT AND HISTORY OF FORMATION FOUNDATION AND COMPRISED OF AUGUST MEMBERSHIP EXPECTED TO PROVIDE STATURE TO FOUNDATION WHICH SHOULD ASSIST IN RECRUITING ABLE STAFF. INsofar AS PROVIDING OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY EDUCATION WHICH WOULD AVOID PENALIZING TOP MEDICAL TALENT WHO WOULD AGREE TO TAKE YEAR OR TWO ASSIGNMENT AT FOUNDATION, MIN ED RESPONSE TO MHW IS TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. APPEARS THAT PARTICULAR CANDIDATE(S) COULD BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS FIRST APPROACH. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY ERDA REP AS TO WHETHER HE SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTING OR OVERLAPPING RESPONSIBILITIES OR

FUNCTIONS BETWEEN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ANY CURRENTLY EXISTING RERF ADVISORY ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL, SABURI STATED THAT HE DIDN'T SEE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING THEMSELVES AT THIS TIME IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE FOUNDATION.

4. IN THE LONGER RANGE IT APPEARS THAT SABURI IS SEEKING
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A TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP WHICH COULD USE RERF'S MEDICAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE TO ASSIST IN CONTRACTING AND ADMINISTERING MEDICAL RESEARCH AT RERF AS WELL AS OTHER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN. AT LEAST A PART OF THE CAPABILITY FOR ASSISTING IN THIS FUNCTION WOULD BE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH COULD PROVIDE RERF WITH SOME CONTRACTOR SELECTION GUIDANCE. SABURI SEEMS TO BE THINKING OF EXPANDING RERF INTO A NEW, BROADER ROLE IN WHICH IT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO OTHER MEDICAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY BESIDES JUST MEDICAL EFFECTS ON A-BOMB SURVIVORS. WHILE THIS WHOLE IDEA IS JUST PERCOLATING IN SABURI'S MIND, IT APPEARS THAT, SHOULD THE US AGREE, HE WOULD USE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN SOME WAY TO ASSIST THE FOUNDATION IN THIS BROADER ROLE.

C. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION.
AS INDICATED IN B ABOVE, SABURI BELIEVES THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE COULD ASSIST IN SERVING THIS ROLE ALTHOUGH HE TENDS TO SEE IT AS A SLOWER MORE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS WHICH WOULD BE STARTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS THAN A SUDDEN RECOGNITION WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

D. JFY 1975 CARRYOVER FUNDS SABURI AGAIN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE WITH US AGREEMENT TO LEAVE IN JFY 1975 UNDERRUN FUNDS TO PERMIT HIM TO TRY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM TO SATISFACTION BOARD, USG & GOJ. HE PLANS APPROACH TO FINANCE MINISTRY AS SOON AS NEW BUDGET APPROVED ON APRIL 15 AND WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST POSSIBILITIES AT THAT TIME FOR FIN MIN CONSIDERATION. ERDA REP SHOWED HIM LIVERMAN CABLE INDICATING THAT BOARD, USG AND GOJ AGREEMENT NECESSARY, BUT SABURI WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN LIVERMAN SUGGESTIONS WHICH HE COULD TRY OUT ON FIN MIN; IMPLICATION BEING THAT JAPANESE MEMBERS OF BOARD WOULD AGREE TO LIVERMAN SUGGESTIONS.

E. NEW PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING COMMUNICATIONS
SABURI TOTALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH AND IN TOTAL AGREEMENT
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WITH NEW PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING APPROACHES OF RERF TO
TWO GOVERNMENTS. ERDA REP GAVE HIM COPIES OF APRIL 4 LETTER
TO LIVERMAN AND MIAHARA-SAN TRANSLATED. SABURI HAD NO PROBLEM
WITH PROCEDURE. IF PROCEDURE OK WITH LIVERMAN WILL ADOPT
IMMEDIATELY.
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